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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE UN DAY GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The 2020 Awards Ceremony Will Be Hosted Online

DALLAS / FORT WORTH - Nominations are now open for the 2020 UN Day Global Leadership Awards – organized by the United Nations Association of the United States of America, Dallas Chapter (UNA-USA Dallas). Awards recognize the achievements and meaningful contributions that individuals and organizations have made advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document, the United Nations officially came into being. António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, expressed his hope that this year’s 75-year milestone would be an opportunity for “reflection on the multi-lateral cooperation the world needs at this time, both in addressing the immediate pandemic and in achieving the longer-term goals for which the United Nations was founded.”

"The COVID-19 pandemic is spotlighting the societal inequities that exist in our communities, including access to healthcare, food security, education, and technology access, environmental risks, a living wage, and affordable housing it,” said Avalyn Pace, UNA-USA Dallas Board Director. "These inequities make our communities more vulnerable to getting the virus and recovering from its impact. The COVID-19 pandemic, along with the cry for social justice, reinforces the strategic role the UN Sustainable Development Goals play in addressing these inequities."

Nominations may be submitted online at http://dallas-una.org/gla2020. Following a review of entries by the UNA-USA Dallas Board of Directors, award recipients to be announced on October 1st.

This year's awards ceremony, which is typically an in-person event, will instead be a virtual event to be hosted online on Saturday, October 24th, as a result of the ongoing pandemic. "Though the medium is new, the entire Board remains committed to hosting an event that is a beacon of light for all who join us, and one that maintains the high standards that have come to be associated with UN Day," said Lisa Winkley, President of the Board of Directors. "As a country, and within the North Texas community, we have all experienced a shift in reality, yet through this collective uncertainty, we are dedicated to
"elevating the work of individuals who are grounding us and giving us the gift of their work. The virtual ceremony in October is the time for doing so, and we look forward to sharing it with all of you."

**SDGs FOR CONSIDERATION**

- No Poverty (SDG 1)
- Zero Hunger (SDG 2)
- Good Health and Well Being (SDG 3)
- Quality Education (SDG 4)
- Gender Equality (SDG 5)
- Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)
- Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7)
- Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)
- Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (SDG 9)
- Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)
- Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11)
- Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12)
- Climate Action (SDG 13)
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (SDG 16)

Visit https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/ for a more in-depth description of the SDGs

**NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Individuals: Resides in the North Texas region 15+ years in their profession (of the stated SDG)
Organizations: Operating in the North Texas region for a minimum of ten years

**NOMINATION DATES & TIMELINE**

- August 3, 2020 - Launch nominations
- August 31, 2020 - Close nominations
- September 1-30, 2020 - Vetting and decision making
- October 1, 2020 – Awardees announced
- October 24th, 2020 – Public recognition at the UN Day Global Leadership Awards Digital event

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**About UNA-USA:** The United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) is a grassroots movement of Americans who support the vital work of the United Nations in US communities, colleges, and Congress. For more than 70 years, UNA-USA and its national network of 20,000 members and 200 Chapters have promoted strong US leadership at the UN through advocacy campaigns, youth engagement, outreach programs, and public events.

**About the United Nations Foundation:** The United Nations Foundation builds public-private partnerships to address the world's most pressing problems and broadens support for the United Nations through advocacy and public outreach. Through innovative campaigns and initiatives, the Foundation connects people, ideas, and resources to help the UN solve global problems. The Foundation was created in 1998 as a US public charity by entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner and now is supported by philanthropic, corporate, government, and individual donors. Learn more at www.unfoundation.org

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